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## IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED OFFICE

In re International Application : PCT/EP99/02053

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For: FILM FOR ACCELERATED COMPOST FERMENTATION

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the National fees and examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International Application, please amend this application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Pages 1-through 8, line 1 : Delete the text "Text for foreign filings" from all pages of

the application.

Page 1, line 2 : Delete "[Title of the Invention]";

lines 4-6 : Delete in their entirety, i.e., "[Detailed]

Description....Application];

lines 10 and H: Delete in their entirety, i.e., "[0002...Art]" and replace with

-- Background of the Invention -- (Centered on the line);

lines 24 and 33: Delete in their entirety, i.e., "[0003]" and [0004]".

Page 2 line 10 : Delete "[0005]";

line 1 i : Detete "[Problem to be Resolved by the Invention]";

line 17 : Delete "[0006]";

line 18 : Delete "[Means for Resolving the Problem]" and replace